Department of Kakinada Port

409. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of minor and intermediate ports proposed during the Seventh plan for development as major ports;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has urged the development of Kakinada Port as a major port; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There are no minor or intermediate ports proposed to be developed into Major Ports during the VIIth Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to resource constraint, Government has decided not to upgrade any minor port or intermediate port as major port during the VIIth Plan Period.

Inadequate bus service in capital

410. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequate bus service in the Capital;

(b) whether Government are also aware of complete mismanagement on various bus stops especially at the important bus stops like Central Secretariat where due to inadequate bus service the commuters instead of standing in the respective queues, rush to board the buses and make it almost impossible for women, children and invalid to board the buses; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a permanent machinery like checking squads with Police help to ensure that women, children and the old can conveniently board the buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Study Group set up by the Planning Commission in 1981 had assessed the requirement of buses for Delhi up to the Terminal Year of Sixth plan to be about 5000. As against this, the DTC has as on date a fleet of 5409 buses (including 1385 hired from Private Operators).

(b) and (c) At the terminal points normally the passengers board buses in a queue. It is at the intermediate points that queue system is not observed. During rush hours at heavy loading points including the Central Secretariat members of checking staff are deputed to ensure proper stoppage of buses and orderly clearance of traffic.

The Central Seretariat. Terminal is well developed and is managed by four Traffic Supervisors and 24 time-keepers. Besides, 31 Advance Bookers pre-book the passengers at various bus bays. In spite of all these the responsible commuters sometimes resort to queue breaking. The Corporation is making all efforts to curb this tendency of queue breaking. For this purpose the Corporation have commissioned 16 mobile squads, deployed 200 Assistant Traffic Inspectors at important bus stops. Periodically Police personnel are also associated with Squad-checking. The Corporation has also sought the assistance of NCC Cadet squads and Police personnel on a regular basis to check crew behaviour and induce queue discipline.

Conversion of..Guntur-Nadikude ..line

411. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to conversion of the Guntur-Nadikude metre gauge to broad gauge line has been taken up; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.